CHAPTER 4

Ni-Catalyzed Intramolecular C–O Bond Formation: Synthesis of Cyclic Enol Ethers⁺

4.1. Introduction

Transition metal-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions have served a powerful tool for efficient carbon–carbon and carbon–heteroatom bond formations over the past several decades.¹ Recently, nickel catalysis has emerged in the synthetic community as an exceptionally useful strategy for cross-coupling.² Although tremendous advances in nickel-catalyzed carbon–carbon bond formation have been achieved (e.g., Negishi, Suzuki, Stille, Kumada, Hiyama couplings),³ nickel-catalyzed carbon–oxygen bond forming processes have proven significantly more challenging. The rationale behind this is that reductive elimination of Ni(II) alkoxide complexes is often cited as being significantly challenging even at elevated temperatures.⁴ To circumvent this challenge, stoichiometric oxidation of Ni(II) to the less stable Ni(III) analogs has been required. Additionally, reductive elimination of Ni(II) alkoxides is

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Chapter 4 – Ni-Catalyzed Intramolecular C–O Bond Formation: Synthesis of Cyclic Enol Ethers 420 reported to be endothermic via computational analysis. This is in contrast to that of Pd(II) alkoxides, which are exothermic.⁵ In 1997, Hartwig and co-workers developed the first nickel-catalyzed cross-coupling between electron-deficient aryl halides and pre-formed sodium alkoxides or sodium siloxides.⁶ In 2014, the Ranu group reported a copper-assisted nickel-catalyzed coupling of phenol derivatives and vinyl halides.⁷ However, both of these reactions require high temperatures, and the scope of the nucleophiles is limited to pre-formed alkoxides or phenols. Most recently, MacMillan and co-workers developed the nickel-catalyzed intermolecular cross-coupling of aryl bromides and aliphatic alcohols in the presence of light and a photoredox catalyst.⁸ Importantly, MacMillan and co-workers could not observe their desired C–O coupling products in the absence of either the photocatalyst or light. Although Pd- or Cucatalyzed C-O bond forming reactions have been significantly developed, most of these reactions require high temperature that can limit their utility in the synthesis of multifunctional complex molecules. Moreover, the vast majority of these examples are for aryl ether synthesis, not enol ether synthesis.^{9,10,11} To our knowledge, a mild and efficient nickel-catalyzed intramolecular cross-coupling cyclization between aliphatic hydroxyl nucleophiles and tethered vinyl halides is unprecedented.

4.2. Results and Discussion

In the course of an alkaloid synthesis effort, we attempted a nickel-catalyzed reductive Heck reaction of vinyl iodide **167** with the aim of producing tricycle **168** (Scheme 4.2.1, red arrows).¹² Surprisingly, instead of the desired intramolecular C–C bond-forming reaction, a C–O bond-forming cyclization between the vinyl iodide and the free hydroxyl group furnished morpholine derivative **169** (Scheme 4.2.1, blue arrows). Given the lack of precedent in the literature for such a transformation with

Chapter 4 – Ni-Catalyzed Intramolecular C–O Bond Formation: Synthesis of Cyclic Enol Ethers 421 nickel catalysis, we set out to explore the generality of this reaction. Herein, we describe the first nickel-catalyzed cycloetherification of aliphatic alcohols with pendant vinyl halides.



Given this interesting preliminary data, we chose aminocyclohexanols **170a** and **170b** as simplified substrates for reaction optimization studies (Table 4.2.1). Our initial reaction conditions afforded the corresponding morpholines **171a** and **171b** in 53% and 42% yield, respectively (entries 1 and 2). A wide variety of bases and additives were investigated to improve the yield and catalytic efficiency (entries 3–10). We found triethylamine to be superior to others examined (entries 3–5). The use of a 1:1 mixture of triethylamine and DABCO allowed etherification in 69% yield with reduced catalyst loading (i.e., 20 mol % Ni(COD)₂, entry 6). Gratifyingly, the use of 2 equiv of zinc powder as an additive resulted in a significant improvement in yield (84%) with only 5 mol % of Ni(COD)₂ (entry 10).^{1344 :15:16:17}

		H R	Ni(COD) ₂ bases, additives CH ₃ CN, 23 °C		N N Me		
	R = Me (<i>170a</i>) R = H (<i>170b</i>)		R = Me (<i>171a</i>) R = H (<i>171b</i>)				
entry	substrate	conc (M)	Ni mol %	base	additive	yield (%) ^b	
1°	170a	0.02	50	Et ₃ N (10 equiv)	-	53	
2 ^c	170b	0.02	50	Et ₃ N (10 equiv)	-	42	
3°	170a	0.02	35	Et ₃ N (10 equiv)	-	42 ^d	
4 ^c	170a	0.02	35	Cs ₂ CO ₃ (3.0 equiv)	-	30 ^d	
5 ^c	170a	0.02	35	K ₃ PO ₄ (3.0 equiv)	-	34 ^d	
6	170b	0.10	20	Et ₃ N (1.0 equiv)	DABCO (1.0 equiv)	69	
7	170b	0.10	20	Et ₃ N (1.0 equiv)	CsF (1.0 equiv)	51	
8	170a	0.04	20	DABCO (1.0 equiv)	-	24	
9	170a	0.04	20	DABCO (2.0 equiv)	-	50 ^d	
10	170b	0.15	5	Et ₃ N (1.1 equiv)	Zn (2.0 equiv)	84	

Table 4.2.1. Optimization of reaction parameters^a

^aReactions were performed in a N_2 -filled glove box. ^bYield of isolated product. ^cDMF (0.04 M) was used as a co-solvent. ^dThe reaction proceeded with incomplete conversion of starting material.

With optimized conditions in hand, we investigated the substrate scope of the transformation (Table 4.2.2). In addition to simple vinyl iodides (e.g., **170b**, $R^1 = Me$, $R^2 = H$, $R^3 = H$),¹⁸ a (*Z*)-styrenyl iodide (i.e., **170c**, $R^1 = Me$, $R^2 = H$, $R^3 = Ph$)¹⁹ furnished vinyl ether **171c** in high yield and without loss of olefin stereochemical fidelity. Aminocyclohexanols bearing isopropyl and allyl substituents on nitrogen afforded the corresponding products in reduced yields (**171d** and **171e**). Electronically variable benzyl groups were compatible under the reaction conditions, and even an aryl bromide was well tolerated (**171f–171h**). Additionally, a silyl ether group remained intact, generating substituted morpholine **171i** in good yield. Moreover, we discovered that a *cis*-aminocyclohexanol derived substrate was competent in the reaction, providing the *cis*-fused bicyclic product **171j**.²⁰⁻²¹



Table 4.2.2. Intramolecular cross-coupling of amino-cyclohexanols^{a,b}

^aReactions were performed in a N₂-filled glove box. ^bYield of isolated product. ^c96 h.

To our delight, we found that the nickel-catalyzed intramolecular etherification reactions also proceeded with linear aminoalcohol substrates to generate monocyclic morpholine derivatives in moderate to high yields (Table 4.2.3). The steric environment of the alcohol fragment did not hinder the performance, as substrates containing primary, secondary, or highly congested tertiary hydroxyl nucleophiles furnished the corresponding cyclic vinyl ethers in excellent yields (**173a–173c**). Finally, a benzyl-substituted linear aminoalcohol substrate was transformed to the desired vinyl ether in modest yield (**173d**).



Table 4.2.3. Intramolecular cross-coupling of linear aminoalcohols^{a,b}

^aReactions were performed in a N₂-filled glove box. ^bYield of isolated product.

We were pleased to discover that additional acyclic substrates undergo the nickel-catalyzed carbon-oxygen cross-coupling to furnish alkylidene tetrahydrofurans and dihydropyrans (Table 4.2.4). Intramolecular etherification of vinyl iodide 174a furnished the cyclic ether 175a in good yield in only 1 h (entry 1). Although less reactive, a vinyl bromide also fared well in the reaction, affording the corresponding product in 52% yield after 12 h (entry 2). Unfortunately, attempts to employ a vinyl chloride as the coupling partner led predominantly to recovery of starting material (entry 3). Mono-methyl and mono-phenyl substituted vinyl iodides (174d and 174e)²² afforded the desired ethers (175d and 175e) in good yields with retention of olefin stereochemistry (entries 4 and 5). Gratifyingly, tetrasubstituted vinyl bromide $174f^{23}$ furnished the corresponding tetrahydrofuran product **175f** in excellent yield (entry 6). Di-tert-butyl and dibenzyl malonates (174g and 174h) were tolerated under the standard reaction conditions to afford the desired ethers (175g and 175h) in good yields (entries 7 and 8). Additionally, carbon-oxygen bond formations were achieved with nitrile- and amide-containing substituents in 61% and 70% yield, respectively (entries 9 and 10). Formation of a six-membered cyclic vinyl ether (175k) from substrate 174k was found to be challenging with only low levels of conversion (entry

11). Interestingly, cycloetherification of **174l** did indeed produce a pyran derivative in good yield, but only isomerized product **175l** was isolated (entry 12).²⁴⁻²⁵⁻²⁶

		Ni(COD) ₂ (5.0 mol %)		G
	$HO - (i)_{1-2} = Et_3 I$	N (1.1 equiv), Zn (2.0 equiv)		2
		CH ₃ CN (0.15 M), 23 °C	→ B ²	-R ¹
	174		175	
entry	substrate	product	time (h)	yield (%) ^b
	$^{MeO_2C} \times ^{CO_2Me}$	$^{\rm MeO_2C} \times ^{\rm CO_2Me}$		
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	۲74a MeO₂CCO₂Me	™eO₂C、∠CO₂Me		
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	Br	°-{/		
	174b	175a		
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	174-	175-		
	MeQ_C CQ_M			
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	/ 174f	175f		
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	1741	1751		

Table 4.2.4. Synthesis of substituted tetrahydrofuran and dihydropyran rings^a

 a Reactions were performed in a N_2-filled glove box. b Yield of isolated product. c Low conversion.

4.3. Conclusion

In conclusion, a highly efficient, mild, and operationally simple nickelcatalyzed intramolecular carbon–oxygen bond-forming reaction between vinyl halides and aliphatic alcohols has been developed. We discovered that zinc powder plays an important role in improving catalyst turnover and isolated yields. The reaction is tolerant of many functional groups, affording various cyclic vinyl ethers in good to excellent yields. This work further expands the capability of nickel catalysis in the context of small molecule chemical synthesis. Additional studies are ongoing to expand the scope of the reaction, to understand the mechanism, and to deploy the cyclization in the context of a complex molecular target.²⁷ These efforts will be reported in due course.

4.4. Experimental Methods and Analytical Data

4.4.1. Materials and Methods

Unless otherwise stated, reactions were performed in flame-dried glassware under an argon or nitrogen atmosphere using dry, deoxygenated solvents. Reaction progress was monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) or Agilent 1290 UHPLC-MS. THF, Et₂O, CH₂Cl₂, toluene, benzene, CH₃CN, and dioxane were dried by passage through an activated alumina column under argon. Purified water was obtained using a Barnstead NANOpure Infinity UV/UF system. Brine solutions are saturated aqueous solutions of sodium chloride. Commercially available reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Acros Organics, TCI, Oakwood chemicals, Strem, or Alfa Aesar and used as received unless otherwise stated. Ni(COD)₂ and NiI₂ were purchased from Strem. NiBr₂(dme) was purchased from Aldrich. Zinc dust Chapter 4 – Ni-Catalyzed Intramolecular C–O Bond Formation: Synthesis of Cyclic Enol Ethers 428 or powder purchased from Aldrich worked well for the reaction but zinc powder (99.999%) purchased from Strem gave poor conversion. Reaction temperatures were controlled by an IKAmag temperature modulator unless otherwise indicated. Glove box manipulations were performed under a N₂ atmosphere. TLC was performed using E. Merck silica gel 60 F254 precoated glass plates (0.25 mm) and visualized by UV fluorescence quenching, p-anisaldehyde, KMnO₄ or PMA (phosphomolybdic acid) staining. Silicycle SiliaFlash P60 Academic Silica gel (particle size 0.040-0.064 mm) was used for flash column chromatography. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Mercury 300 MHz, a Bruker AV III HD 400 MHz spectrometer equipped with a Prodigy liquid nitrogen temperature cryoprobe, Varian Inova 500 MHz, and 600 MHz spectrometers and are reported relative to residual CHCl₃ (δ 7.26 ppm), CHDCl₂ (δ 5.32) or C₆HD₆ (δ 7.16 ppm). ¹³C NMR spectra are recorded on a Varian Mercury 300 MHz, a Bruker AV III HD 400 MHz spectrometer equipped with a Prodigy liquid nitrogen temperature cryoprobe, Varian Inova 500 MHz, and 600 MHz spectrometers (75 MHz, 126 MHz, and 151 MHz, respectively) and are reported relative to CHCl_3 (δ 77.16 ppm), CHDCl_2 (δ 53.84) or C_6HD_5 (δ 128.06 ppm). ¹⁹F NMR spectra are recorded on a Varian Mercury 300 MHz (at 282 MHz). ¹⁹F NMR spectra are reported relative to $CFCl_3(\delta 0.0 \text{ ppm})$. Data for ¹H NMR are reported as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, p = pentet, sept = septuplet, m = multiplet, br s = broad singlet, br d= broad doublet, app = apparent. Data for ${}^{13}C$ are reported in terms of chemical shifts (δ ppm). IR spectra were obtained using a Perkin Elmer Paragon 1000 spectrometer using thin films deposited on NaCl plates and reported in frequency of absorption (cm⁻¹). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained from the Caltech Mass Spectral Facility using JEOL JMS-600H High Resolution Mass Spectrometer in fast atom bombardment (FAB+) or electron *Chapter 4 – Ni-Catalyzed Intramolecular C–O Bond Formation: Synthesis of Cyclic Enol Ethers* **429** ionization (EI+) mode, or Agilent 6200 Series TOF with an Agilent G1978A Multimode source in electrospray ionization (ESI+), atmospheric pressure chemical ionization (APCI+), or mixed ionization mode (MM: ESI-APCI+).

4.4.2. Experimental Procedures



To a solution of amine **SI-4-1** (6.66 g, 68.5 mmol, 1.00 equiv), which was prepared according to the literature procedure¹, in MeOH (171 mL) were added *p*-methoxybenzaldehyde (10.0 mL, 82.3 mmol, 1.20 equiv) and 3Å MS (18.8 g). The reaction mixture was stirred at 23 °C for 17 h. Then, NaBH₄ (5.20g, 0.137 mol, 2.00 equiv) was added to the solution at 0 °C. The solution was stirred at 23 °C for 12 h. After the reaction was done, water (40 mL) was added at 0 °C. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 80.0 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the PMB-amine, which was used without further purification.

A solution of propiolic acid (4.64 mL, 75.4 mmol, 1.10 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (343 mL) was cooled to 0 °C. DCC (15.6g, 75.4 mmol, 1.10 equiv) and the PMB-amine (68.5

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mmol, 1.00 equiv) were added to the reaction mixture sequentially. The mixture was warmed to 23 °C and stirred for 30 min. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (1:4 EtOAc:hexanes) on silica gel to give amide **SI-4-2** (12.0g, 65% yield, 2 steps).

To a stirred solution of amide SI-4-2 (12.0 g, 44.6 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in toluene (558 mL) was added solid NaHCO₃ (4.50g, 53.5 mmol, 1.20 equiv). The reaction mixture was heated to 120 °C for 48 h. After the reaction was done, water (200 mL) was added. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 120 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (1:4 EtOAc:hexanes) on silica gel to give lactam SI-4-3 (9.25g, 77% yield).

To a stirred solution of lactam **SI-4-3** (339 mg, 1.26 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 (6.30 mL) at 0 °C was added *m*-CPBA (\leq 77%, 1.89 mmol, 424 mg, 1.50 equiv), and the mixture was stirred for 3 h at 23 °C. The reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NaHSO₃ and sat. NaHCO₃. The aqueous phase was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 6.00 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo* to furnish the epoxide, which was used without further purification.

To a solution of epoxide (1.26 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in MeOH (6.30 mL) was added aq MeNH₂ (40 wt.% in H₂O, 12.6 mmol, 10.9 mL, 10.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h. After the reaction was done, water (6.00 mL) was added. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 8.00 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the aminoalcohol, which was used without further purification.

To a solution of the aminoalcohol (1.26 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (3.15 mL) and DMF (3.15 mL) were added 4Å MS (443 mg), (*E*)-1-bromo-2-iodobut-2-ene (411 mg, 1.58 mmol, 1.25 equiv) and Cs_2CO_3 (415 mg, 1.27 mmol, 1.01 equiv) at 23 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 23 °C for 24 h. The resulting suspension was filtered and washed with EtOAc (5.00 mL). The combined organic phases were extracted with EtOAc (3 x 6.00 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (2:1 EtOAc:hexane) on silica gel to give vinyl iodide **167** (375 mg, 60% yield, 3 steps).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (dt, *J* = 6.7, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.47 – 6.41 (m, 1H), 4.71 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 3.96 – 3.89 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.35 – 3.27 (m, 2H), 3.20 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 2.99 – 2.91 (m, 1H), 2.61 (td, *J* = 10.7, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.39 – 2.26 (m, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.20 – 2.14 (m, 1H), 1.74 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.56 – 1.45 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.3, 159.1, 139.0, 133.7, 130.3, 129.6, 129.5, 114.1, 103.3, 66.8, 60.1, 57.3, 55.4, 49.7, 46.9, 39.3, 35.6, 23.8, 22.3, 17.1; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3416, 2927, 1663, 1613, 1512, 1454, 1246, 1175, 1034, 817, 732 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) *m*/*z* calc'd for C₂₂H₃₀IN₂O₃ [M+H]⁺: 497.1296; found: 497.1296.



To a solution of vinyl iodide **167** (20.0 mg, 0.0402 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and Et_3N (56.0 μ L, 0.402 mmol, 10.0 equiv) in CH₃CN (2.01 mL) and DMF (1.01 mL) in a

Chapter 4 – Ni-Catalyzed Intramolecular C–O Bond Formation: Synthesis of Cyclic Enol Ethers **432** scintillation vial at 23 °C was added Ni(COD)₂ (6.00 mg, 0.0201 mmol, 0.50 equiv) in a nitrogen-filled glove box. The reaction mixture was stirred at 23 °C for 120 min, and then BHT (18.0 mg, 0.0804 mmol, 2.00 equiv) was added. After being stirred for 20 min, the vial was removed from the glovebox and uncapped. Saturated NaHCO₃ aqueous solution was added and the mixture was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 2.00 mL), the combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (1:20 MeOH:CH₂Cl₂) to give morpholine derivative **169** (7.85 mg, 53% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (dt, *J* = 6.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (qd, *J* = 7.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.76 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 3.29 – 3.24 (m, 2H), 2.86 – 2.74 (m, 1H), 2.68 – 2.60 (m, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.30 – 2.24 (m, 1H), 2.12 – 1.96 (m, 2H), 1.58 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 1.3 Hz, 3H), 1.55 – 1.49 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.0, 158.9, 148.5, 133.5, 129.5, 129.0, 113.9, 103.5, 77.8, 58.4, 52.2, 49.5, 46.6, 42.4, 37.9, 28.9, 24.3, 11.0; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3416, 2927, 1663, 1613, 1512, 1454, 1246, 1175, 1034, 817, 732 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₂₂H₂₉N₂O₃ [M+H]⁺: 369.2173; found: 369.2212.

Typical procedure for aminocyclohexanols 170



To a scintillation vial were added cyclohexene oxide **SI-4-4** (5.09 mmol, 1.00 equiv), R^1NH_2 (5.09 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and MeOH (2.50 mL). The reaction mixture was

Chapter 4 – Ni-Catalyzed Intramolecular C–O Bond Formation: Synthesis of Cyclic Enol Ethers **433** heated to 80 °C for 12 h. The solvent was evaporated to give the corresponding aminocyclohexanols **SI-4-5**, which were used without further purification.

To a solution of aminocyclohexanols **SI-4-5** (5.09 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in MeCN (25.0 mL) were added K_2CO_3 (25.5 mmol, 5.00 equiv) and allyl bromides (5.60 mmol, 1.10 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at 23 °C. Solids were removed via a filtration through a celite plug and the resulting solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography, using mixture of hexanes and ethyl acetate as eluent to furnish the product **170**.

Representative procedure for cross-coupling of aminocyclohexanols 170



Ni-Catalyzed C–O bond formation experiments were performed in a nitrogen-filled glove box. To a solution of aminocyclohexanol **170c** (50.0 mg, 0.135 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in MeCN (0.900 mL) in a scintillation vial were added Et₃N (21.0 μ L, 0.149 mmol, 1.10 equiv), Zn powder (17.7 mg, 0.270 mmol, 2.00 equiv), and Ni(COD)₂ (1.90 mg, 0.00673 mmol, 0.05 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at 23 °C for 24 h. After the reaction was done, the vial was removed from the glove box and uncapped. Solids were removed via a filtration through a celite plug and the resulting solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (1:2 EtOAc:hexanes) to give **171c** (30.7 mg, 93% yield).



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.41 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (s, 1H), 3.40 (td, *J* = 9.8, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (ddd, *J* = 14.0, 10.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.15 – 2.11 (m, 1H), 1.79 (dt, *J* = 8.9, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 1.73 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.31 – 1.17 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.3, 104.4, 69.3, 68.7, 57.3, 35.7, 33.3, 25.6, 24.2, 22.8, 17.0; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3467, 2930, 2855, 1449, 1282, 1080, 1037 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: FAB+) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₁H₂₁NOI [M+H]⁺: 310.0668; found: 310.0654.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.02 (qd, J = 7.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 3.35 – 3.23 (m, 1H), 2.62 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.09 (dtd, J = 12.9, 3.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (ddt, J = 11.9, 4.5, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (s, br, 1H), 1.77 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.56 (dd, J = 7.1, 1.5 Hz, 3H), 1.42 – 1.33 (m, 1H), 1.33 – 1.22 (m, 2H), 1.14 – 1.02 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.9, 103.3, 81.1, 67.4, 53.0, 42.0, 31.4, 28.1, 24.8, 24.4, 11.1; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2934, 2861, 2779, 1682, 1451, 1192, 1108, 841 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: FAB+) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₁H₂₀NO [M+H]⁺: 182.1545; found: 182.1538.



¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.28 (q, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (dt, *J* = 0.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 1H), 3.40 (m, 1H), 3.17 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (m, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.13 (m, 1H), 1.75 (m, 3H), 1.20 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 126.8, 113.7, 69.3, 69.1, 64.8, 35.8, 33.1, 25.4, 24.0, 22.6; IR (neat film NaCl) 3470, 2930, 2855, 2796, 1616, 1448, 1079, 1036 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for C₁₀H₁₉INO, [M+H]⁺: 296.0506; found: 296.0499.



¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.40 (s, 1H), 4.16 (s, 1H), 3.36 (ddd, J = 2.5, 5.4, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.09 (m, 1H), 1.98 (m, 1H), 1.84 – 1.73 (m, 3H), 1.43 – 1.07 (m, m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.1, 91.9, 81.1, 66.8, 57.9, 41.7, 31.3, 28.1, 24.3, 24.3; IR (neat film NaCl) 2929, 2858, 2770, 1747, 1653, 1277, 1229, 1074 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for C₁₀H₁₈NO, [M+H]⁺ : 168.1383; found: 168.1385.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 4.04 (s, 1H), 3.52 – 3.41 (m, 2H), 3.27 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.42 – 2.29 (m, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.19 – 2.11 (m, 1H), 1.79 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 3.9 Hz, 2H), 1.75 – 1.64 (m, 1H), 1.35 – 1.15 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.4, 135.7, 128.8, 128.3, 128.2, 109.0, 69.5, 69.3, 66.8, 35.8, 33.3, 25.6, 24.2, 22.9; IR (neat film NaCl) 3467, 2930, 2855, 1446, 1079, 1058, 1033, 750, 695 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for C₁₆H₂₃INO, [M+H]⁺ : 372.0819; found: 372.0859.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 5.44 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (ddd, *J* = 11.5, 9.1, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.13 (ddtd, *J* = 12.5, 6.2, 4.3, 3.8, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 1.93 (td, *J* = 10.2, 9.1, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (ddt, *J* = 13.0, 10.3, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 1.60 – 1.49 (m, 1H), 1.41 – 1.24 (m, 2H), 1.20 – 1.07 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.4, 136.0, 128.5, 128.2, 126.0, 107.5, 80.8, 67.0, 59.2, 41.7, 31.4, 28.3, 24.7, 24.4; IR (neat film NaCl) 2935, 2860, 2774, 1664, 1449, 1342, 1179, 1060, 1032, 694 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for C₁₆H₂₂NO, [M+H]⁺ : 244.1696; found: 244.1716.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.29 (s, 1H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 1H), 3.36 – 3.21 (m, 2H), 3.02 (td, J = 13.7, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.19 – 2.09 (m, 1H), 1.73 (q, J = 10.1 Hz, 3H), 1.35 – 1.17 (m, 4H), 1.14 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.97 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 127.2, 116.0, 69.3, 61.7, 57.4, 48.1, 33.2, 28.0, 26.1, 24.4, 22.9, 18.0; IR (neat film NaCl) 2930, 1614, 1173, 1080, 896 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for C₁₂H₂₃NOI, [M+H]⁺ : 324.0819; found: 324.0845.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 4.64 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (ddd, *J* = 11.1, 8.9, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (p, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dt, *J* = 12.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (ddd, *J* = 10.8, 8.9, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.02 – 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.75 (dq, *J* = 13.6, 2.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 1.48 – 1.33 (m, 4H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.96 – 0.79 (m, 2H), 0.65 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 158.4, 89.6, 81.0, 62.1, 46.7, 45.8, 31.8, 28.1, 25.0, 24.4, 21.4, 12.4; IR (neat film NaCl) 2933, 1657, 1450, 1280, 1175, 1075, 800 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for C₁₂H₂₂NO, [M+H]⁺ : 196.1696; found: 196.1697.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.29 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.92 – 5.81 (m, 2H), 5.23 – 5.10 (m, 2H), 3.83 (s, 1H), 3.41 (td, J = 9.9, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (d, J = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 3.31 – 3.23 (m, 1H), 2.94 (dd, J = 14.1, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (d, J = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (ddd, J = 12.7, 9.9, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (ddq, J = 12.2, 4.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.85 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.71 – 1.68 (m, 1H), 1.32 – 1.16 (m, 3H), 1.15 – 1.03 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.4, 127.6, 117.9, 113.9, 69.1, 64.9, 60.4, 52.4, 33.2, 25.7, 24.2, 23.5; IR (neat film NaCl) 2930, 2856, 1615, 1450, 1157, 1078, 917 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for C₁₂H₂₁NIO, [M+H]⁺ : 322.0662; found: 322.0668.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.86 (dddd, J = 17.1, 10.2, 8.0, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.24 – 5.16 (m, 2H), 4.38 (dt, J = 1.3, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (dd, J = 1.6, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (ddt, J = 13.6, 5.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.45 – 3.40 (m, 1H), 3.35 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 2.88 – 2.79 (m, 2H), 2.17 – 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.99 (dddd, J = 10.2, 4.8, 3.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 1.79 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.46 – 1.37 (m, 1H), 1.35 – 1.21 (m, 2H), 1.12 (q, J = 12.3, 11.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.4, 134.3, 118.8, 91.6, 80.8, 64.6, 56.0, 53.7, 31.5, 28.2, 24.8, 24.3; IR (neat film NaCl) 2935, 2862, 1657, 1280, 1075, 839 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for C₁₂H₂₀NO, [M+H]⁺ : 194.1539; found: 194.1542.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.32 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (t, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.81 – 3.74 (m, 2H), 3.44 (td, J = 9.8, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 2.42 – 2.29 (m, 1H), 2.13 – 2.04 (m, 1H), 1.90 – 1.81 (m, 1H), 1.75 (ddd, J = 6.7, 4.4, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 1.70 – 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.25 – 1.04 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.0, 130.6, 130.5, 128.1, 113.9, 113.5, 68.9, 63.6, 60.5, 55.4, 52.8, 33.3, 25.6, 24.2, 22.6; IR (neat film NaCl) 3483, 2931, 2855, 1612, 1511, 1247, 1036, 813 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for C₁₇H₂₅INO₂, [M+H]⁺ : 402.0924; found: 402.0934.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.33 (s, 1H), 4.09 – 3.96 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.51 (s, br, 1H), 3.19 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (s, br, 1H), 2.06 – 1.96 (m, 1H), 1.84 – 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.50 – 1.36 (m, 1H), 1.32 (qd, *J* = 11.1, 9.7, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (d, *J* = 22.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.9, 156.5, 130.4, 130.2, 113.8, 91.1, 80.4, 65.2, 56.5, 55.4, 53.4, 31.6, 28.7, 24.8, 24.4; IR (neat film NaCl) 2935, 2861, 1733, 1674, 1611, 1511, 1246, 1036, 843 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for C₁₇H₂₄NO₂, [M+H]⁺ : 274.1802; found: 274.1820.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 (dd, J = 8.4, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 5.91 (t, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (d, J = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, br, 1H), 3.45 (td, J = 9.7, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (t, J = 12.6 Hz, 2H), 2.95 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.14 – 2.04 (m, 1H), 1.92 – 1.83 (m, 1H), 1.81 – 1.72 (m, 1H), 1.67 (dt, J = 7.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 1.25 – 1.06 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.3 (d, J = 245.2 Hz), 134.2, 131.1 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 128.4, 115.5 (d, J = 21.3 Hz), 113.1, 68.9, 63.8, 60.6, 52.7, 33.3, 25.5, 24.2, 22.6; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -115.5; IR (neat film NaCl) 3485, 2930, 2856, 1602, 1508, 1221, 1152, 1073, 818 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for $C_{16}H_{22}FNOI$, $[M+H]^+$: 390.0725; found: 390.0732.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.08 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 4.34 (s, 1H), 4.04 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (tt, *J* = 11.8, 10.9, 4.1 Hz, 2H), 3.16 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 2.24 – 2.05 (m, 2H), 2.07 – 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.87 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.53 – 1.35 (m, 1H), 1.38 – 1.24 (m, 1H), 1.24 – 1.13 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.1 (d, *J* = 244.7 Hz), 156.3, 134.3, 130.1 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 115.3 (d, *J* = 20.9 Hz), 91.2, 80.5, 65.3, 56.4, 53.6, 31.6, 28.8, 24.8, 24.3; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -116.0; IR (neat film NaCl) 2936, 2862, 1736, 1673, 1604, 1508, 1222, 1075, 821 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for C₁₆H₂₁FNO, [M+H]⁺ : 262.1602; found: 262.1629.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.33 (s, br, 1H), 5.91 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, br, 1H), 3.53 – 3.41 (m, 1H), 3.42 – 3.26 (m, 2H), 2.95 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, br, 1H), 2.08 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 1.94 – 1.54 (m, 3H), 1.27 – 1.03 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.5, 131.7, 131.2, 128.6, 121.4, 112.9, 69.0, 63.9, 60.6, 52.9, 33.3, 25.5, 24.2, 22.6; IR (neat film NaCl) 3486, 2930, 2855, 1615, 1486, 1450, 1403, 1152,

1071, 1011, 799 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for $C_{16}H_{22}BrNOI$, $[M+H]^+$: 449.9924; found: 449.9937.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.24 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (ddd, *J* = 11.2, 8.7, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (dt, *J* = 12.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.18 – 2.07 (m, 2H), 2.02 – 1.91 (m, 1H), 1.75 (tdd, *J* = 10.4, 5.5, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 1.47 – 1.34 (m, 1H), 1.36 – 1.22 (m, 2H), 1.19 – 1.06 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 157.1, 138.9, 131.8, 131.2, 121.0, 90.7, 81.0, 65.8, 56.9, 54.2, 31.9, 29.1, 25.2, 24.7; IR (neat film NaCl) 2935, 2861, 1654, 1486, 1280, 1074, 1012, 843, 802 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for C₁₆H₂₁BrNO, [M+H]⁺ : 322.0801; found: 322.0817.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.28 (s, 1H), 5.84 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 1H), 3.66 (td, J = 6.2, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 3.38 (td, J = 9.9, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (d, J = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (dt, J = 13.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (ddd, J = 13.1, 7.4, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (ddd, J = 12.6, 9.8, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.17 – 2.08 (m, 1H), 1.82 – 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.71 (dt, J = 8.4, 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.32 – 1.14 (m, 3H), 1.10 (tt, J = 12.2, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 0.89 (d,

J = 0.9 Hz, 9H), 0.05 (s, 3H), 0.05 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 127.3, 114.2, 69.1, 65.6, 61.6, 61.4, 46.1, 33.3, 31.9, 26.1, 25.7, 24.3, 23.1, 18.4, -5.11, -5.13; IR (neat film NaCl) 3489, 2929, 2856, 1255, 1097, 835, 775 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for C₁₈H₃₇INO₂Si, [M+H]⁺ : 454.1633; found: 454.1658.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.38 (s, 1H), 4.13 (s, 1H), 3.63 (td, J = 6.2, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 3.47 – 3.31 (m, 2H), 2.94 – 2.79 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, br, 1H), 2.15 – 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.98 (ddq, J = 11.8, 4.4, 2.4, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 1.79 – 1.59 (m, 5H), 1.46 – 1.21 (m, 3H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.04 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.5, 91.4, 80.9, 64.6, 61.4, 53.8, 49.3, 31.5, 28.9, 28.3, 26.1, 24.8, 24.3, 18.4, -5.15, -5.17; IR (neat film NaCl) 2931, 2857, 1739, 1674, 1463, 1256, 1094, 838, 776 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for C₁₈H₃₆NO₂Si, [M+H]⁺ : 326.2510; found: 326.2544.



A solution of cyclohexanol **170b** (500 mg, 1.69 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in toluene (1.20 mL) was added to a cooled solution of PPh₃ (532 mg, 2.03 mmol, 1.20 equiv) and benzoic acid (248 mg, 2.03 mmol, 1.20 equiv) in toluene (8.45 mL) at -40 °C. Then, DEAD in toluene (40 wt% in toluene, 0.92 mL, 1.20 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution over 20 min at -40 °C. After stirring for 1.5 h at -40 °C, the solution was warmed to 23 °C. After being stirred for 18 h, saturated NaHCO₃ aqueous solution

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¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 5.10 (td, *J* = 10.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (d, *J* = 15.1 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (d, *J* = 15.1 Hz, 1H), 2.79 – 2.69 (m, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.19 – 2.11 (m, 1H), 1.92 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 1.83 – 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.40 (dddd, *J* = 17.5, 10.7, 8.0, 3.7 Hz, 2H), 1.35 – 1.23 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.0, 132.9, 131.0, 129.9, 128.4, 125.5, 113.4, 73.5, 67.3, 65.8, 36.2, 32.2, 27.4, 25.3, 24.5; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2934, 2858, 1714, 1450, 1317, 1273, 1175, 1106, 710 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₇H₂₃INO₂ [M+H]⁺ : 400.0768; found: 400.0769.



A solution of benzoate **SI-4-6** (140 mg, 0.351 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in MeOH (1.80 mL) and H₂O (0.20 mL) was treated with NaOH (28 mg, 0.701 mmol, 2.00 equiv) at 60 °C. After 1 h and 45 min, the solution was poured into H₂O and the mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 3.00 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (1:8 EtOAc:hexanes) to give cyclohexanol **170j** (58 mg, 56% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.28 (q, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (dt, *J* = 1.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 1H), 3.40 (td, *J* = 9.9, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (ddd, *J* = 11.4, 9.7, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.18 – 2.09 (m, 1H), 1.83 – 1.65 (m, 3H), 1.35 – 1.07 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 127.0, 113.8, 69.4, 69.3, 65.0, 35.9, 33.3, 25.6, 24.2, 22.8; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3468, 2930, 2855, 2796, 1615, 1449, 1282, 1080, 1036, 901 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₀H₁₉INO [M+H]⁺: 296.0506; found: 296.0528.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ 4.28 (dd, J = 1.4, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (dd, J = 1.7, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (ddd, J = 11.2, 9.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dt, J = 12.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.12 – 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.90 (dtd, J = 13.3, 4.7, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.81 – 1.66 (m, 3H), 1.43 – 1.23 (m, 3H), 1.03 (tdd, J = 13.0, 11.2, 3.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ 157.3, 91.0, 81.4, 67.2, 58.2, 41.9, 31.7, 28.5, 25.1, 24.8; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2937, 2862, 2770, 1654, 1451, 1339, 1278, 1161, 1075, 1042, 900, 836 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₀H₁₈NO [M+H]⁺: 168.1383; found: 168.1396.

Typical procedure for linear aminoalcohols 172



To a solution of aminoalcohols **SI-4-7** (1.12 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in MeCN (5.60 mL) were added K_2CO_3 (11.2 mmol, 10.0 equiv) and allyl bromides (1.23 mmol, 1.10 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at 23 °C. Solids were removed via a filtration through a celite plug and the resulting solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography, using mixture of hexanes and ethyl acetate as eluent to give the product **172**.

Representative procedure for cross-coupling of linear aminoalcohols 172



Ni-Catalyzed C–O bond formation experiments were performed in a nitrogen-filled glove box. To a solution of aminoalcohol **172c** (50.0 mg, 0.145 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in MeCN (0.97 mL) in a scintillation vial were added Et₃N (22.0 μ L, 0.160 mmol, 1.10 equiv), Zn powder (19.0 mg, 0.290 mmol, 2.00 equiv), and Ni(COD)₂ (2.00 mg, 0.00724 mmol, 0.05 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at 23 °C for 24 h. After the reaction was done, the vial was removed from the glovebox and uncapped. Solids were removed via a filtration through a celite plug and the resulting solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography, using a mixture of hexanes and ethyl acetate as eluent to furnish the product **173c** (30.0 mg, 95% yield).



Chapter 4 – Ni-Catalyzed Intramolecular C–O Bond Formation: Synthesis of Cyclic Enol Ethers 446 ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.36 (m, 3H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 3.65 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 3.36 (s, 2H), 2.95 (br, 1H), 2.66 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.2, 136.1, 128.7, 128.1, 128.0, 107.1, 70.4, 58.5, 57.8, 40.7; IR (neat film NaCl) 3442, 2946, 2840, 2792, 1490, 1445, 1083, 1066, 1046, 748, 694 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for C₁₂H₁₇INO, [M+H]⁺ : 318.0349; found: 318.0344.



¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.14 (m, 1H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 4.06 (m, 2H), 3.03 (s, 2H), 2.59 (m, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.6, 135.6, 128.4, 128.1, 125.9, 107.9, 67.4, 58.3, 54.1, 46.1; IR (neat film NaCl) 2939. 2790, 1738, 1668, 1452, 1339, 1170, 1051, 695; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for C₁₂H₁₆NO, [M+H]⁺ : 190.1226; found: 190.1228.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 3.90 (dqd, *J* = 9.4, 6.1, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.75 – 3.53 (m, 1H), 3.47 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.41 – 2.36 (m, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.16 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.4, 136.4, 128.8, 128.3, 128.3, 128.2, 107.1, 70.8, 64.6, 63.3, 41.3, 19.9; IR (neat film NaCl) 3459, 3054, 3023, 2968, 2930, 2843, 2795, 1598, 1491, 1446, 1408, 1361, 1324, 1291, 1209, 1161, 1135, 1065, 1029, 935, 841, 750, 695 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for C₁₃H₁₉NIO, [M+H]⁺: 332.0506; found: 332.0519.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 5.46 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (dqd, *J* = 9.9, 6.3, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (dd, *J* = 12.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.85 – 2.72 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.06 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 1.36 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.2, 136.0, 128.6, 128.2, 126.0, 107.8, 73.4, 60.9, 58.0, 46.1, 19.2; IR (neat film NaCl) 2973, 2936, 2788, 1666, 1448, 1328, 1154, 1070, 975, 755, 694 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for C₁₃H₁₈NO, [M+H]⁺ : 204.1383; found: 204.1386.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.33 (s, 3H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 3.46 (s, 2H), 3.26 (s, br, 1H), 2.51 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.5, 135.8, 129.2, 128.9, 128.2, 108.3, 73.0, 70.9, 68.1, 44.0, 28.0; IR (neat film NaCl) 2969, 2786, 2360, 1446, 1356, 1121, 1031, 970, 749, 695 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for C₁₄H₂₁NIO, [M+H]⁺ : 346.0662; found: 346.0664.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 2.94 (s, 2H), 2.38 (s, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.2, 136.3, 128.3, 128.2, 125.8, 108.7, 76.8, 64.7, 58.3, 46.4, 26.3; IR (neat film NaCl) 2974, 2766, 1663, 1449, 1368, 1346, 1254, 1207, 1152, 1110, 968, 754, 694 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for C₁₄H₂₀NO, [M+H]⁺ : 218.1539; found: 218.1577.



¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 – 7.25 (m, 5H), 6.33 (q, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.92 (m, 1H), 3.63 (s, 2H), 3.56 (q, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 3.16 (s, 2H), 2.70 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.8, 129.3, 128.4, 127.9, 127.4, 111.9, 64.8, 58.5, 57.5, 54.1; IR (neat film NaCl) 3435, 3024, 2808, 1616, 1493, 1452, 1257, 1151, 1027, 904, 739, 698 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for C₁₂H₁₇INO, [M+H]⁺ : 318.0349; found: 318.0356.



¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 4.39 (s, 1H), 4.11 (s, 1H), 3.90 (m, 2H), 3.50 (s, 2H), 2.98 (s, 2H), 2.52 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.9, 137.4, 129.3, 128.5, 127.4, 92.2, 67.9, 63.2, 55.3, 52.1; IR (neat film NaCl)

2875, 2807, 1653, 1453, 1313, 1278, 1125, 1079, 1067, 851, 699 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for C₁₂H₁₆NO, [M+H]⁺ : 190.1226; found: 190.1229.

Typical procedure for malonate substrates 174



To a suspension of NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 4.16 mmol, 1.10 equiv) in DMF (19.0 mL) at 0 °C was added malonate **SI-4-8** (3.78 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in portions. The reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 1 h. The solution was cooled to 0 °C and allyl bromide (3.78 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in DMF (2 mL) was added in portions over 5 min. Then, the mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 1 h. The reaction was quenched by sat. NH₄Cl and the aqueous phase was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 10.0 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (1:20 EtOAc:hexanes) on silica gel to give vinyl halide **SI-4-10**.

To a solution of vinyl halide **SI-4-10** (0.74 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in EtOH (0.50 mL) and H_2O (0.25 mL) were added solid NaHCO₃ or K_2CO_3 (0.15 mmol, 0.20 equiv) and formaldehyde (37wt.% in H_2O , 0.89 mmol, 1.20 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at 23 °C for 24 h. Then, water (0.40 mL) was added and the aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 1.00 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography, using a mixture of hexanes and ethyl acetate as eluent to furnish the product **174**.

Representative procedure for cross-coupling of malonates 174



Ni-Catalyzed C–O bond formation experiments were performed in a nitrogen-filled glove box. To a solution of vinyl iodide **174a** (83.9 mg, 0.256 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in MeCN (1.71 mL) in a scintillation vial were added Et₃N (39.0 μ L, 0.282 mmol, 1.10 equiv), Zn powder (33.0 mg, 0.512 mmol, 2.00 equiv), and Ni(COD)₂ (3.50 mg, 0.013 mmol, 0.05 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at 23 °C for 1 h. After the reaction was done, the vial was removed from the glovebox and uncapped. Solids were removed via a filtration through a celite plug and the resulting solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (1:4 EtOAc:hexanes) to furnish the product **175a** (44.5 mg, 87% yield).



¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 5.79 (q, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.61 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 3.33 (s, 6H), 3.32 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 169.9, 131.5, 101.2, 63.3, 59.3, 52.4, 45.4; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3520, 2952, 1731, 1435, 1210, 1033 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: FAB+) *m*/*z* calc'd for C₉H₁₄IO₅ [M+H]⁺ : 328.9886; found: 328.9891.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 4.53 (q, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 3.91 (q, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (s, 6H), 3.09 (t, J = 1.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 169.2, 160.2, 81.8, 74.3, 59.8, 52.6, 37.0; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2957, 2358, 2340, 1737, 1436, 1280, 1046 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI +) m/z calc'd for $C_9H_{13}O_5$ [M+H]⁺ : 201.0757; found: 201.0765.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.74 (dt, J = 1.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 3.25 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.4, 126.6, 122.4, 63.7, 59.0, 53.1, 42.4; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2953, 1728, 1626, 1435, 1299, 1208, 1032, 902, 857 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: FAB+) m/z calc'd for C₉H₁₄BrO₅ [M+H]⁺: 281.0024; found: 281.0036.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.32 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.30 – 5.28 (m, 1H), 4.07 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 6H), 3.13 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.4, 136.6, 117.7, 63.8, 58.7, 53.0, 40.6; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2955, 1735, 1632, 1437, 1212, 1035, 898 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: FAB +) m/z calc'd for C₉H₁₄O₅Cl [M+H]⁺: 237.0530; found: 237.0540.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.50 (qt, *J* = 7.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 6H), 3.30 (s, br, 2H), 2.36 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (dt, *J* = 7.2, 0.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.7, 142.1, 91.5, 63.6, 59.2, 53.1, 38.7, 17.2; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2952, 1733, 1436, 1299, 1223, 1040 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: FAB +) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₀H₁₆O₅I [M+H]⁺: 343.0043; found: 343.0048.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 4.97 (qt, J = 7.0, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 3.18 (s, 6H), 3.11 (dq, J = 2.8, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (dt, J = 7.1, 1.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 169.6, 153.8, 92.2, 73.6, 59.7, 52.6, 34.2, 12.2; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2956, 1740, 1437, 1275, 1169, 1070, 803 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: FAB +) m/z calc'd for C₁₀H₁₄O₅ [M]⁺: 214.0841; found: 214.0836.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 4.15 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 6H), 3.57 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.4, 140.1, 138.2, 128.7, 128.3, 128.3, 96.5, 63.6, 59.9, 53.1, 46.9; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2951, 1727, 1437, 1215, 1032, 696 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI +) m/z calc'd for C₁₅H₁₈O₅I [M+H]⁺: 405.0193; found: 405.0195.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.75 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (ddt, *J* = 8.6, 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.21 – 5.18 (m, 1H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 3.20 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 3.16 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 168.8, 153.7, 136.4, 128.2, 127.8, 125.3, 99.4, 75.2, 58.5, 52.3, 38.3; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2953, 1738, 1678, 1435, 1279, 1210, 1028, 695 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: EI +) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₅H₁₆O₅ [M]⁺: 276.0998; found: 276.1012.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.02 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 6H), 3.37 (s, 2H), 1.88 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 3H), 1.83 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.0, 136.4, 114.1, 63.7, 59.3, 53.0, 38.8, 25.9, 21.2; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2952, 1734, 1437, 1209, 1043 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: FAB +) *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₁H₁₈O₅Br [M+H]⁺: 309.0338; found: 309.0325.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 4.12 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.57 (s, 2H), 3.38 (s, 6H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.45 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 170.6, 136.2, 115.0, 63.6, 59.5, 52.3, 39.0, 25.6, 20.8; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2952, 1731, 1437, 1301, 1209, 1043 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: FAB +) m/z calc'd for $C_{11}H_{17}O_5$ [M+H]⁺: 229.1076; found: 229.1074.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.18 (q, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 2H), 3.20 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (s, 1H), 1.50 (s, 18H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.1, 130.9, 101.6, 82.8, 63.9, 60.7, 45.4, 28.1; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2978, 1728, 1369, 1256, 1148, 1020, 842 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: FAB +) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₅H₂₆O₅I [M+H]⁺: 413.0825; found: 413.0821.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 4.54 (q, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (s, 2H), 3.94 (q, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (t, J = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 1.27 (s, 18H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 168.3, 160.9, 81.8, 81.3, 74.5, 61.2, 37.0, 27.7; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2979, 1732, 1370, 1146, 1050, 844 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: FAB +) m/z calc'd for $C_{15}H_{25}O_5$ [M+H]⁺: 285.1702; found: 285.1693.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 6H), 7.29 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 6.12 (q, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 4H), 4.13 (s, 2H), 3.29 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.6, 135.1, 131.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 100.3, 67.8, 63.6, 59.5, 45.4; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2952, 1725, 1455,
1214, 695 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI +) m/z calc'd for $C_{21}H_{22}O_5I$ [M+H]⁺: 481.0506; found: 481.0509.



¹H NMR (600 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 7.10 – 6.90 (m, 10H), 4.83 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 4.50 (q, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (s, 2H), 3.87 (q, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (t, J = 1.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 168.7, 148.2, 135.6, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 81.9, 74.3, 67.7, 55.8, 37.0; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2915, 1732, 1455, 1243, 1045, 901, 695 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI +) m/z calc'd for $C_{21}H_{21}O_5$ [M+H]⁺: 353.1384; found: 353.1394.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.35 (dt, J = 2.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (dd, J = 11.1, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (dd, J = 11.1, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.13 (dd, J = 14.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (dd, J = 14.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (dd, J = 7.6, 6.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.6, 132.6, 117.2, 97.2, 66.0, 54.2, 52.1, 46.9; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2952, 2359, 1738, 1611, 1434, 1224, 1144, 1060, 910 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: FAB +) m/z calc'd for C₈H₁₁O₃NI [M+H]⁺: 295.9784; found: 295.9775.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 4.44 (q, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.79 – 3.75 (m, 2H), 3.02 (d, J = 0.7 Hz, 3H), 2.69 (dt, J = 15.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (dt, J = 0.7 Hz, 3H), 2.69 (dt, J = 15.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (dt, J = 0.7 Hz, 3H), 2.69 (dt, J = 0.7 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (dt, J = 0.7 Hz, 3H), 2.69 (dt, J = 0.7 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (dt, J = 0.7 Hz, 3H), 2.69 (dt, J = 0.7 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (dt, J = 0.7 Hz, 3H), 2.69 (dt, J = 0.7 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (dt, J = 0.7 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (dt, J = 0.7 Hz, 3H), 2.69 (dt, J = 0.7 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (dt,

15.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 166.1, 158.0, 117.3, 83.6, 75.1, 53.3, 46.9, 38.7; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2959, 2249, 1747, 1682, 1435, 1231, 1046, 819 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: FAB +) *m/z* calc'd for $C_8H_{10}O_3N$ [M+H]⁺: 168.0661; found: 168.0666.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.22 (q, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.79 – 3.55 (m, 6H), 3.39 (s, br, 2H), 3.30 (dd, *J* = 15.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (dd, *J* = 15.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (s, br, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.9, 167.7, 132.2, 99.9, 66.3, 66.1, 57.4, 53.1, 45.6, 37.2; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2955, 2859, 1733, 1627, 1436, 1272, 1228, 1115, 1064, 999, 851 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI +) *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₂H₁₉NO₅I [M+H]⁺: 384.0302; found: 384.0315.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 4.60 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (q, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (q, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (s, br, 2H), 3.15 – 2.97 (m, 9H), 2.71 (s, br, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 171.6, 165.8, 160.7, 81.4, 75.2, 66.4, 66.0, 58.8, 52.5, 46.0, 43.5, 37.5; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2857, 1733, 1651, 1435, 1274, 1115, 1018, 804 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI +) *m*/*z* calc'd for $C_{12}H_{18}NO_5$ [M+H]⁺: 256.1179; found: 256.1196.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.06 (q, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 2H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 0.6 Hz, 6H), 2.49 – 2.43 (m, 2H), 2.20 – 2.13 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.2, 126.4, 109.9, 64.9, 59.0, 52.9, 40.8, 31.5; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2952, 1729, 1617, 1436, 1205, 1043, 898 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: FAB+) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₀H₁₆IO₅ [M+H]⁺: 343.0043; found: 343.0031.



To a solution of NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 78.0 mg, 1.95 mmol, 2.00 equiv) in THF (3.26 mL) was added vinyl iodide **SI-4-10a** (374 mg, 0.977 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and the solution was stirred until gas evolution was complete. 2-Bromoethyl acetate (0.27 mL, 2.44 mmol, 2.50 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture at 0 °C and then, the solution was stirred at 23 °C for 24 h. The reaction was quenched with sat. NH₄Cl at 0 °C and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 3.00 mL), the combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (1:20 EtOAc:hexanes) to give dialkylated malonate and recovered **SI-4-10a**.

To a solution of dialkylated malonate intermediate (344 mg, 0.735 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in MeOH (2.50 mL) was added K_2CO_3 (203 mg, 1.47 mmol, 2.00 equiv) and the solution was stirred at 23 °C for 24 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (3.00 mL) and the mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 2.00 mL), the combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated *in*

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¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ 4.68 (h, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 4.02 – 3.96 (m, 2H), 2.10 – 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.76 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 3H), 1.43 (s, 18H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ 170.6, 153.8, 94.6, 81.7, 64.1, 52.5, 28.7, 28.1, 20.6; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2977, 2933, 1728, 1369, 1266, 1146, 1108, 1088, 847 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: FAB +) m/z calc'd for $C_{16}H_{27}O_5$ [M+H]⁺: 299.1858; found: 299.1835.

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^a Yield of isolated product. ^b Reactions were performed in a N_2 -filled glove box. ^c Reactions were performed under argon outside a N_2 -filled glove box.

(16) No significant improvement in yield or catalyst turnover was observed when various ligands (e.g., various NHC, PYBOX, BOX, diamine, BiOX ligands) were employed.

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(25) Substrates containing alkyl- or mono-ketone substituents instead of a malonate provided a mixture of isomers upon subjection to carbon–oxygen cross-coupling conditions.



(26) Unfortunately, the cyclization reaction of a malonate substrate bearing a nitrogen nucleophile (182) was unsuccessful.



(27) An intermolecular etherification of MacMillan's substrate **184** (ref. 8) with 1-hexanol under our reaction conditions was not successful. Additionally, attempted intermolecular cross-coupling processes of **186** and **188** with 1-hexanol under our standard reaction conditions resulted in no reaction.



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Spectra Relevant to Chapter 4:

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Figure A8.2. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 167.



Figure A8.3. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **167**.







Figure A8.5. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 169.



Figure A8.6. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **169**.







Figure A8.8. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 170a.



Figure A8.9. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **170a**.









Figure A8.12. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **171a**.







Figure A8.14. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 170b.



Figure A8.15. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **170b**.



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Figure A8.17. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 171b.



Figure A8.18. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **171b**.









Figure A8.20. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound **170c**.



Figure A8.21. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **170c**.







Figure A8.23. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound **171c**.



Figure A8.24. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **171c**.







Figure A8.27. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **170d**.







Figure A8.30. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, C₆D₆) of compound **171d**.



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Figure A8.32. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound **170e**.



Figure A8.33. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **170e**.



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Figure A8.35. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 171e.



Figure A8.36. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **171e**.






Figure A8.38. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 170f.



Figure A8.39. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **170f**.







Figure A8.41. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 171f.



Figure A8.42. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **171f**.







Figure A8.44. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound **170g**.



Figure A8.45. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **170g**.







Figure A8.47. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 171g.



Figure A8.48. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **171g**.









Figure A8.51. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **170h**.







Figure A8.53. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 171h.



Figure A8.54. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) of compound **171h**.





Figure A8.56. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 170i.



Figure A8.57. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **170i**.





Figure A8.59. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 171i.



Figure A8.60. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **171i**.









Figure A8.62. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound SI-4-6.



Figure A8.63. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **SI-4-6**.







Figure A8.65. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 170j.



Figure A8.66. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **170j**.









Figure A8.68. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 171j.



Figure A8.69. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) of compound **171j**.





Figure A8.71. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 172a.



Figure A8.72. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **172a**.





Figure A8.75. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound 173a.





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Figure A8.77. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound **172b**.



Figure A8.78. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **172b**.











Figure A8.80. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 173b.



Figure A8.81. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **173b**.







Figure A8.83. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound **172c**.



Figure A8.84. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **172c**.









Figure A8.86. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 173c.



Figure A8.87. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **173c**.







Figure A8.89. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 172d.



Figure A8.90. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **172d**.




Figure A8.92. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 173d.



Figure A8.93. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **173d**.







Figure A8.95. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 174a.



Figure A8.96. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, C_6D_6) of compound **174a**.





MeO₂C CO₂Me 175a ۲ 0_



Figure A8.99. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, C₆D₆) of compound **175a**.





MeO₂C CO₂Me 174b



Figure A8.101. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 174b.



Figure A8.102. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **174b**.





MeO₂C CO₂Me 174c



Figure A8.104. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 174c.



Figure A8.105. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **174c**.





MeO₂C CO₂Me 174d



Figure A8.107. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound **174d**.



Figure A8.108. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **174d**.







Figure A8.110. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 175d.



Figure A8.111. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, C₆D₆) of compound **175d**.







Figure A8.113. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 174e.



Figure A8.114. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **174e**.





Figure A8.117. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, C₆D₆) of compound **175e**.



MeO₂C CO₂Me HO Br 174f



Figure A8.119. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 174f.



Figure A8.120. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound 174f.







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Figure A8.123. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, C₆D₆) of compound **175f**.





^{tBuO}2C CO2^tBu 174g ľ



Figure A8.125. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 174g.



Figure A8.126. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **174g**.





^{BuO2}C CO2^{Bu} 175g 6



Figure A8.129. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, C₆D₆) of compound **175g**.



Figure A8.130. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound 174h.







Figure A8.131. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 174h.



Figure A8.132. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **174h**.





BnO₂C CO₂Bn 175h ۲ 0_



Figure A8.134. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound **175h**.



Figure A8.135. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, C₆D₆) of compound **175h**.







Figure A8.137. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 174i.



Figure A8.138. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound 174i.



MeO₂C CN 175i



Figure A8.141. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, C₆D₆) of compound **175i**.







Figure A8.143. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 174j



Figure A8.144. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound 174j.






Figure A8.146. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound **175**j



Figure A8.147. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, C₆D₆) of compound **175***j*.







Figure A8.149. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 174k.



Figure A8.150. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **174k**.







Figure A8.152. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 1741.



Figure A8.153. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound 174I.









Figure A8.155. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 1751.



Figure A8.156. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) of compound **1751**.

APPENDIX 9

Ni-Catalyzed C–O Bond Formation and Subsequent Claisen

Rearrangement

A9.1. Claisen Rearrangement

Having successfully investigated Ni-catalyzed intramolecular C–O bondforming reactions, we envisaged that allyl vinyl ethers prepared under our conditions could be substrates for subsequent Claisen rearrangement. Treatment of epoxide **190** with methylamine followed by alkylation with allyl bromide **191** afforded aminoalcohol **192** (Scheme A9.1.1a). Intramolecular etherification of aminoalcohol **192** furnished the desired allyl vinyl ether **193** (Scheme A9.1.1b). To our delight, microwave-assisted Claisen rearrangement of vinyl ether **193** in *m*-xylene at 180 °C produced **194** (Scheme A9.1.1c). Further investigation of the substrate scope for Claisen rearrangement is ongoing in our laboratory.





A9.2. Experimental Methods and Analytical Data

A9.2.1. Materials and Methods

Unless otherwise stated, reactions were performed in flame-dried glassware under an argon or nitrogen atmosphere using dry, deoxygenated solvents. Reaction progress was monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) or Agilent 1290 UHPLC-MS. THF, Et₂O, CH₂Cl₂, toluene, benzene, CH₃CN, and dioxane were dried by passage through an activated alumina column under argon. Purified water was obtained using a Barnstead NANOpure Infinity UV/UF system. Brine solutions are saturated aqueous solutions of sodium chloride. Commercially available reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Acros Organics, TCI, Oakwood chemicals, Strem, or Alfa Aesar and used as received unless otherwise stated. Ni(COD)₂ and NiI₂ were purchased from Strem. NiBr₂(dme) was purchased from Aldrich. Zinc dust or powder purchased from Aldrich worked well for the reaction but zinc powder (99.999%) purchased from Strem gave poor conversion. Reaction temperatures were controlled by an IKAmag temperature modulator unless otherwise indicated. Glove box manipulations were performed under a N₂ atmosphere. TLC was performed using E. Merck silica gel 60 F254 precoated glass plates (0.25 mm) and visualized by UV fluorescence quenching, p-anisaldehyde, KMnO₄ or PMA (phosphomolybdic acid) staining. Silicycle SiliaFlash P60 Academic Silica gel (particle size 0.040-0.064 mm) was used for flash column chromatography. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Mercury 300 MHz, a Bruker AV III HD 400 MHz spectrometer equipped with a Prodigy liquid nitrogen temperature cryoprobe, Varian Inova 500 MHz, and 600 MHz spectrometers and are reported relative to residual CHCl₃ (δ 7.26 ppm), CHDCl₂ (δ 5.32) or C₆HD₆ (δ 7.16 ppm). ¹³C NMR spectra are recorded on a Varian Mercury 300 MHz, a Bruker AV III HD 400 MHz spectrometer equipped with a Prodigy liquid nitrogen temperature cryoprobe, Varian Inova 500 MHz, and 600 MHz spectrometers (75 MHz, 126 MHz, and 151 MHz, respectively) and are reported relative to CHCl_3 (δ 77.16 ppm), CHDCl_2 (δ 53.84) or C_6HD_5 (δ 128.06 ppm). ¹⁹F NMR spectra are recorded on a Varian Mercury 300 MHz (at 282 MHz). ¹⁹F NMR spectra are reported relative to $CFCl_3(\delta 0.0 \text{ ppm})$. Data for ¹H NMR are reported as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, p = pentet, sept = septuplet, m = multiplet, br s = broad singlet, br d= broad doublet, app = apparent. Data for ${}^{13}C$ are reported in terms of chemical shifts (δ ppm). IR spectra were obtained using a Perkin Elmer Paragon 1000 spectrometer using thin films deposited on NaCl plates and reported in frequency of absorption (cm⁻¹). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained from the Caltech Mass Spectral Facility using JEOL JMS-600H High Resolution Mass Spectrometer in fast atom bombardment (FAB+) or electron ionization (EI+) mode, or Agilent 6200 Series TOF with an Agilent G1978A Multimode source in electrospray ionization (ESI+), atmospheric pressure chemical ionization (APCI+), or mixed ionization mode (MM: ESI-APCI+).

A9.2.2. Experimental Procedures



To epoxide **190** (300 mg, 4.28 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was added $MeNH_2$ (2M solution in MeOH; 3.71 mL, 42.8 mmol, 10.0 equiv). The solution was stirred for 12 h at 23 °C. The volatile was evaporated and the residue was used without further purification.

To a solution of the amine (4.28 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in MeCN (11.0 mL) were added K_2CO_3 (2.96 g, 21.4 mmol, 5.00 equiv) and allyl bromide **191** (691 mg, 2.14 mmol, 0.50 equiv). The solution was stirred for 12 h at 23 °C. After the reaction was done, water was added. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 7.00 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (1:4 EtOAc:hexanes) on silica gel to give aminoalcohol **192** (257 mg, 35% yield based on equivalent of allyl bromide **191**, 2 steps).

 $R_f = 0.65$ (1:2 EtOAc:hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.10 – 6.98 (s, br, 1H), 5.84 (ddd, J = 17.2, 10.5, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 5.45 – 5.37 (m, 1H), 5.21 (dt, J = 10.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (s, br, 1H), 3.54 (s, br, 1H), 3.41 (s, br, 1H), 2.58 (s, br, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.0, 137.2, 136.9, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 116.3, 70.7, 68.7, 62.8, 61.1, 41.2; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3435, 2795, 1491, 1446, 1083, 1029, 921, 750, 695 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₄H₁₉NOI [M+H]⁺: 344.0506; found: 344.0523.



Ni-Catalyzed C–O bond formation experiments were performed in a nitrogen-filled glove box. To a solution of aminoalcohol **192** (100 mg, 0.291 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in MeCN (1.94 mL) in a scintillation vial were added Et₃N (45 μ L, 0.320 mmol, 1.10 equiv), Zn powder (38.0 mg, 0.582 mmol, 2.00 equiv), and Ni(COD)₂ (4.00 mg, 0.0146 mmol, 0.05 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at 23 °C for 24 h. After the reaction was done, the vial was removed from the glovebox and uncapped. Solids were removed via a filtration through a celite plug and the resulting solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (1:2 EtOAc:hexanes) to furnish the product **193** (45.3 mg, 72% yield).

 R_f = 0.23 (1:2 EtOAc:hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 7.51 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.08 − 7.01 (m, 1H), 5.89 (ddd, *J* = 17.3, 10.7, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.40 − 5.32 (m, 2H), 5.19 − 5.16 (m, 1H), 4.35 (dddt, *J* = 9.8, 5.7, 2.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dd, *J* = 12.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.78 − 2.69 (m, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 2.08 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 9.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 150.5, 136.4, 136.2, 128.9, 128.6, 126.4, 117.1, 107.9, 78.0, 59.5, 58.3, 46.2; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2939, 2784, 2360, 1666, 1448, 1328, 1239, 1176, 1133, 1047, 985, 937, 755, 694 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₄H₁₈NO [M+H]⁺: 216.1383; found: 216.1399.



A solution of allyl vinyl ether **193** (11.0 mg, 0.0511 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in *m*-xylene (1.02 mL) was heated to 180 °C (power: 300 W) by microwave for 6 h. The resultant solution was then allowed to cool to ambient temperature, filtered through a pad of SiO_2 using hexanes as the eluent to remove *m*-xylene, at which time separate fractions were collected, eluting with EtOAc, to isolate reaction products. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue was subsequently purified by flash chromatography (1:2 EtOAc:hexanes) to afford the Claisen product, **194** (4.80 mg, 44% yield).

 R_f = 0.39 (1:2 EtOAc:hexanes); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 − 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.35 (ddd, *J* = 7.7, 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 − 7.27 (m, 1H), 5.94 (m, 1H), 5.61 (dt, *J* = 10.8, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 2H), 3.55 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (t, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 1H), 2.47 − 2.42 (m, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.7, 138.3, 130.9, 129.0, 128.7, 128.1, 127.6, 66.1, 61.3, 58.1, 45.9, 29.1; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2928, 2791, 1696, 1493, 1451, 1268, 1126, 699 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₄H₁₈NO [M+H]⁺: 216.1383; found: 216.1398.

APPENDIX 10

Spectra Relevant to Appendix 9:

Ni-Catalyzed C–O Bond Formation and Subsequent Claisen

Rearrangement







Figure A10.3. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **192**.









Figure A10.5. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 193.



Figure A10.6. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) of compound **193**.







Figure A10.8. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 194.



Figure A10.9. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **194**.

APPENDIX 11

Synthetic Studies Toward Alistonitrine A⁺

A11.1. Introduction

The polycyclic monoterpene alkaloid alistonitrine A (**195**) was isolated from the leaves of *Alstonia scholaris* in 2014 by the Bai and Jiang groups (Figure A11.1.1).¹ The alkaloids extracted from *Alstonia scholaris* possess interesting biological properties such as anticancer, antibacterial, anti-inflammatory, antiasthmatic, expectorant, analgesic, and antitussive activities.² Alistonitrine A (**195**) possesses intriguing structural features including an unprecedented caged skeleton, consecutive aminals, an epoxide, and a polycyclic system. Synthetic studies toward alistonitrine A (**195**).

Figure A11.1.1. Structure of Alistonitrine A (195)



Alistonitrine A (195)

[†] Portions of this work have been published. Han, S.-J.; Stoltz, B. M. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2016**, DOI: 10.1016/j.tetlet.2016.04.022

A11.2. Results and Discussion

Our initial retrosynthetic analysis of alistonitrine A is outlined in Scheme A11.2.1. Disconnection of the aminal at the C21 and epoxide functions in alistonitrine A (195) would afford amide 196. Further cleavage of the C2–C3 bond and the second aminal functional group would provide intermediate 197, in which the acyl telluride would serve as a handle for a decarbonylative radical cyclization.³ We envisioned that the vicinal quaternary centers of intermediate 197 could be constructed by coupling of oxindole 198 and amide 199.

Scheme A11.2.1. Retrosynthetic Analysis of Alistonitrine A (195)



The synthesis commenced with the construction of amine **205**, which was adapted from Ellman and Nelson protocols (Scheme A11.2.2). Protection of diol **200** with TBSCI furnished bis-silyl ether **201**, which was converted to aldehyde **202** by ozonolysis. Condensation with (*R*)-*tert*-butanesulfinamide auxiliary produced *tert*-butylsulfinyl imine **203**.^{4,5} 1,2-addition of allylmagnesium bromide to *tert*-butylsulfinyl imine **203** generated adduct **204** in high diastereoselectivity. Cleavage of the silyl and *tert*-butanesulfinyl groups under acidic conditions afforded chiral amine **205**.





With chiral amine 205 in hand, α , β -unsaturated lactam formation was explored (Scheme A11.2.3). Silylation of amine 205 followed by acylation generated metathesis precursor 206. We were delighted to find that ring-closing metathesis of 206 with Hoveyda-Grubbs 2nd generation catalyst smoothly produced lactam 207.^{6,7} Protection of the nitrogen of amide 207 with MeI or Boc₂O afforded the corresponding intermediates 208a and 208b. Unfortunately, attempted Baylis-Hillman reactions to furnish alcohol 209a or 209b, respectively, were unsuccessful.^{8,9}

Scheme A11.2.3. Synthesis of α , β -Unsaturated Lactams **208**



Alternatively, we decided to employ the Baylis-Hillman reaction at an earlier stage (Scheme A11.2.4). Reaction of methyl acrylate (**210**) with acetaldehyde and subsequent hydrolysis furnished acid **211**. Coupling of acid **211** and amine **212** with EDCI and HOBt proceeded smoothly to provide amide **213**. To our delight, ring-closing metathesis of **213** occurred with catalyst **214**, delivering the desired 2:3 mixture of two diastereomers of lactam **215**.¹⁰ Coupling of alcohol **215** and acetic acid with EDCI and HOBt generated acetate **199**.

Scheme A11.2.4. Synthesis of α -Substituted α , β -Unsaturated Lactam **199**



Having successfully prepared the amide fragment, we began the synthesis of the oxindole fragment **217** (Scheme A11.2.5). The quaternary center of oxindole **198** was constructed by the base-promoted alkylation of 3-bromooxindole **216** with dimethyl malonate, which proceeded via *in situ* formation of an *o*-azaxylylene intermediate.¹¹ Boc protection of the oxindole nitrogen generated oxindole fragment **217**.

Scheme A11.2.5. Synthesis of Oxindole Fragment 217



With fragments **199** and **217** in hand, we investigated various alkylation reactions of malonate **217** with acetate **199** (Scheme A11.2.6). Unfortunately, only trace amounts

of the desired product and some byproducts were observed with palladium catalysts. Additionally, we attempted to form **218** under basic conditions, but only unreacted oxindole **217** and a byproduct were obtained.

Scheme A11.2.6. Attempted Coupling of Malonate 217 and Amide 199



Having failed in coupling of oxindole **217** and amide **199**, a revised retrosynthesis was devised (Scheme A11.2.7). We envisioned that a late stage Fischer indole synthesis of intermediate **219** would afford the core structure of alistonitrine A. Disconnection of the C15–C20 bond in intermediate **219** provided Heck reaction precursor **220**. Vinyl halide **220** was expected to be formed from ketone **221** by reductive amination and subsequent double bond isomerization.

Scheme A11.2.7. A Revised Retrosynthesis Toward Alistonitrine A



Esterification of acid 222 followed by subsequent reductive amination and acylation produced amide 223 (Scheme A11.2.8). Treatment of 223 with NaOMe afforded lactam 224, and a subsequent Robinson annulation furnished bicycle 225.¹² Oxidation of enone 225 was accomplished with SeO₂ to deliver dienone 226.¹³ However, an attempted reductive amination of dienone 226 to provide amine 227 resulted in the removal of the ester group and subsequent aromatization, affording phenol 228.

Although our synthetic efforts toward alistonitrine A were unsuccessful, we were able to serendipitously discover a novel nickel-catalyzed C–O bond forming reaction (Chapter 4).





A11.3. Experimental Methods and Analytical Data

A11.3.1. Materials and Methods

Unless otherwise stated, reactions were performed in flame-dried glassware under an argon or nitrogen atmosphere using dry, deoxygenated solvents. Reaction progress was monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC). THF, Et₂O, CH₂Cl₂, toluene, benzene, CH₃CN, and dioxane were dried by passage through an activated alumina column under argon. Triethylamine was distilled over CaH₂ prior to use. Purified water was obtained using a Barnstead NANOpure Infinity UV/UF system. Brine solutions are saturated aqueous solutions of sodium chloride. Commercially available reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Acros Organics, Strem, or Alfa Aesar and used as received unless otherwise stated. Reaction temperatures were controlled by an IKAmag temperature modulator unless otherwise indicated. Microwave-assisted reactions were performed in a Biotage Initiator 2.5 microwave reactor. Glove box manipulations were performed under a N₂ atmosphere. TLC was performed using E. Merck silica gel 60 F254 precoated glass plates (0.25 mm) and visualized by UV fluorescence quenching, panisaldehyde, or PMA (phosphomolybdic acid) staining. Silicycle SiliaFlash P60 Academic Silica gel (particle size 0.040-0.064 mm) was used for flash column ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Inova 500 MHz chromatography. spectrometer and are reported relative to residual CHCl₃ (δ 7.26 ppm), or (CD₃)₂CO (δ 2.05 ppm). ¹³C NMR spectra are recorded on a Varian Inova 500 MHz spectrometer (125MHz) and are reported relative to CHCl₃ (δ 77.16 ppm), or (CD₃)₂CO (δ 29.84 ppm). Data for ¹H NMR are reported as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, p = pentet, sept = septuplet, m = multiplet, br s = broad singlet, br d= broad doublet, app

= apparent. Data for ¹³C are reported in terms of chemical shifts (ppm). IR spectra were obtained using a Perkin Elmer Paragon 1000 spectrometer using thin films deposited on NaCl plates and reported in frequency of absorption (cm⁻¹). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained from Agilent 6200 Series TOF with an Agilent G1978A Multimode source in electrospray ionization (ESI+), atmospheric pressure chemical ionization (APCI+), or mixed ionization mode (MM: ESI-APCI+).

A11.3.2. Experimental Procedures



To a solution of diol **200** (0.930 mL, 11.3 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 (28.3 mL) were added imidazole (7.69 g, 113 mmol, 10.0 equiv) and TBSCl (5.11 g, 33.9 mmol, 3.00 equiv) at 23 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h and quenched with water. The aqueous phase was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 10.0 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (1:8 EtOAc:hexanes) to afford bis-silyl ether **201** (3.51 g, 98% yield). The spectroscopic data were identical to those previously reported.¹



¹ Tran, V. T.; Woerpel, K. A. J. Org. Chem. 2013, 78, 6609–6621.

A solution of bis-silyl ether **201** (1.00 g, 3.16 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (21.1 mL) was cooled to -78 °C and ozone was bubbled through until the solution turned blue. N₂ gas was then bubbled through the solution until the reaction mixture turned colorless. PPh₃ (0.99 g, 3.79 mmol, 1.20 equiv) was then added and the mixture was warmed to 23 °C slowly. The reaction mixture was stirred under N₂ for 1.5 h and the solvent was evaporated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (1:8 EtOAc:hexanes) to afford aldehyde **202** (1.07 g, 97% yield).

 $R_f = 0.25$ (1:8 EtOAc:hexanes); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.70 (t, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 2H), 0.93 (s, 9H), 0.10 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.5, 69.8, 25.9, 18.5, -5.3; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2955, 2931, 2858, 1740, 1473, 1256, 1128, 838, 779 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: FAB+) *m/z* calc'd for C₈H₁₉O₂Si [M+H]⁺: 175.1154; found: 175.1067.



To a solution of aldehyde **202** (100 mg, 0.574 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 (1.91 mL) was added $CuSO_4$ (275 mg, 1.72 mmol, 3.00 equiv) followed by the addition of *tert*-butanesulfinamide (104 mg, 0.861 mmol, 1.50 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at 23 °C for 12 h. Solids were removed via a filtration through a celite plug and the resulting solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (1:8 EtOAc:hexanes) to furnish the *tert*-butylsulfinyl imine **203** (133 mg, 84% yield).

Appendix 11 – Synthetic Studies Toward Alistonitrine A $[a]_{D}^{25}$ -127.8 (c 0.19, CHCl₃); $R_{f} = 0.20$ (1:8 EtOAc:hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ 7.99 (t, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 2H), 1.17 (s, 9H), 0.92 (s, 9H), 0.10 (d, J = 0.6 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 169.1, 66.1, 57.1, 26.1, 22.6, 18.8, -5.1; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2956, 2930, 2858, 1628, 1473, 1364, 1255, 1089, 838, 779 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for C₁₂H₂₈NO₂SSi [M+H]⁺: 278.1605; found: 278.1606.



To a solution of *tert*-butylsulfinyl imine **203** (800 mg, 2.88 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (14.4 mL) was added allylmagnesium bromide (1M in diethyl ether; 6.05 mL, 6.05 mmol, 2.10 equiv) dropwise at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 5 h at -78 °C and slowly warmed to 23 °C. The reaction was quenched with sat. aq NH₄Cl. The aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 10.0 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over $MgSO_4$ and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (1:4 EtOAc:hexanes) to afford silyl ether 204 (797 mg, 87% yield).

 $[a]_{D}^{25}$ -53.7 (c 0.26, CHCl₃); $R_f = 0.25$ (1:4 EtOAc:hexanes); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.79 (ddt, J = 17.3, 10.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.18 – 5.11 (m, 2H), 3.66 (dd, J = 9.9, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.54 - 3.51 (m, 1H), 3.48 (s, 1H), 3.34 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.55 - 2.48 (m, 1H), 2.39 $(dtt, J = 13.9, 6.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 1.19 (s, 9H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.05 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 6H); {}^{13}C$ NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) & 134.5, 118.6, 77.2, 65.1, 56.5, 56.0, 37.2, 26.0, 22.7, 18.4, -

5.3, -5.3; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2955, 2929, 2858, 1472, 1253, 1113, 1072, 836, 777 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: FAB+) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₅H₃₄NO₂SSi [M+H]⁺: 320.2001; found: 320.2084.



To a solution of silyl ether **204** (126 mg, 0.394 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in MeOH (1.97 mL) was added 4N HCl in dioxane (1.97 mL, 1.97 mmol, 5.00 equiv) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed to 23 °C and stirred for 2 h. The volatile was evaporated under reduced pressure. The resulting oil was washed with ether revealing a yellow solid. The solid was filtered to give amine hydrochloride **205** (49.0 mg, 90% yield).

 $[a]_{D}^{25}$ +9.52 (*c* 0.06, MeOH); $R_{f} = 0.10$ (2:1 EtOAc:hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 5.81 (ddt, J = 17.3, 10.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.29 – 5.19 (m, 2H), 3.76 (dd, J = 11.6, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (dd, J = 11.6, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.29 – 3.20 (m, 1H), 2.47 – 2.32 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 133.28, 120.24, 61.92, 53.96, 34.90; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3369, 2929, 1618, 1508, 1053, 928 cm⁻¹.



To a solution of amine hydrochloride **205** (188 mg, 1.37 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 (7.00 mL) were added Et_3N (0.38 mL, 2.74 mmol, 2.00 equiv), imidazole (930 mg, 13.7 mmol, 10.0 equiv), DMAP (8.40 mg, 0.0685 mmol, 0.05 equiv), and TIPSC1 (0.59 mL,

2.74 mmol, 2.00 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at 23 °C and quenched with water. The aqueous phase was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 8.00 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (2:1 EtOAc:hexane) to afford the silyl ether (212 mg, 60% yield).

To a solution of the resultant silyl ether (100 mg, 0.388 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and Et₃N (0.160 mL, 1.16 mmol, 3.00 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (1.94 mL) was added acryloyl chloride (35.0 μ L, 0.427 mmol, 1.10 equiv) at 23 °C. The reaction was stirred for 12 h at 23 °C and quenched with water. The aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 2.00 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (1:4 EtOAc:hexanes) to afford amide **206** (95.0 mg, 79% yield).

To a stirred solution of amide **206** (1.08 g, 3.47 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 (116 mL) was added Hoveyda-Grubbs 2nd generation catalyst (0.109 g, 0.173 mmol, 0.05 equiv) at 23 °C. Then, the solution was stirred at 45 °C for 12 h. After the reaction was done, the solution was cooled to 23 °C and water was added. The aqueous phase was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 30.0 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (1:2 EtOAc:hexanes) to afford lactam **207** (688 mg, 70% yield).

 $[a]_{D}^{25} -15.6 (c \ 0.22, CHCl_3); R_f = 0.20 (1:2 \text{ EtOAc:hexanes}); ^{1}\text{H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl}_3)$ $\delta \ 6.58 (ddd, J = 9.9, 5.4, 3.0 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 5.92 (dtd, J = 9.9, 2.4, 1.3 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 5.87 (s, br, 1\text{H}), 3.80 - 3.72 (m, 2\text{H}), 3.66 - 3.58 (m, 1\text{H}), 2.31 (dtt, J = 17.6, 5.4, 1.2 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 2.16 (ddt, J = 17.7, 10.9, 2.8 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 1.21 - 1.00 (m, 21\text{H}); ^{13}\text{C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl}_3) \delta$ 166.0, 140.0, 124.8, 66.0, 52.6, 26.0, 18.1, 12.0; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2943, 2866, 1682, 1615, 1463, 1114, 813 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₅H₃₀NO₂Si [M+H]⁺: 284.2040; found: 284.2045.



To a solution of lactam **207** (100 mg, 0.353 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (1.80 mL) was added LHMDS (89.0 mg, 0.530 mmol, 1.50 equiv) at 0 °C. The reaction was stirred for 1 h and then MeI (66.0 μ L, 1.06 mmol, 3.00 equiv) was added. The solution was stirred for 4 h at 23 °C and quenched with sat. aq NH₄Cl. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 2.00 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (1:2 EtOAc:hexanes) to afford amide **208a** (103 mg, 98% yield).

 $[a]_{D}^{25} +46.9 (c \ 0.12, CHCl_3); R_f = 0.27 (1:2 \text{ EtOAc:hexanes}); ^{1}\text{H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)} \\ \delta \ 6.42 - 6.35 (m, 1\text{H}), 5.91 (ddd, J = 9.8, 2.7, 1.1 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 3.74 (dd, J = 9.6, 5.2 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 3.66 (dd, J = 9.6, 8.6 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 3.55 - 3.48 (m, 1\text{H}), 3.05 (s, 3\text{H}), 2.58 (ddt, J = 6.8, 5.0, 2.0 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 1.15 - 1.00 (m, 21\text{H}); ^{13}\text{C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3)} \delta 164.1, 137.3, 125.0, 61.6, 59.2, 34.3, 25.0, 18.1, 12.0; \text{IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2942, 2866, 1670, 1618, 1464, 1111, 882 cm^{-1}; \text{ HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) } m/z \text{ calc'd for } C_{16}\text{H}_{32}\text{NO}_2\text{Si [M+H]}^+: 298.2197; found: 298.2199.$



To a solution of amide **207** (50.0 mg, 0.176 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and DMAP (32.2 mg, 0.264 mmol, 1.50 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.90 mL) at 0 °C were added Et₃N (49.1 μ L, 0.352 mmol, 2.00 equiv) and Boc anhydride (77.0 mg, 0.353 mmol, 2.00 equiv). The reaction mixture was warmed to 23 °C and stirred for 12 h. The reaction was quenched with sat. aq NH₄Cl. The aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 1.00 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (1:8 EtOAc:hexanes) to afford carbamate **208b** (60.0 mg, 89% yield).

 $[a]_{D}^{25} +11.5 (c 0.07, CHCl_3); R_{f} = 0.85 (1:2 EtOAc:hexanes); {}^{1}H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)$ $\delta 6.59 (ddt, J = 9.8, 6.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (ddd, J = 9.8, 3.1, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (ddt, J = 9.6, 4.8, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (dd, J = 9.3, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (t, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (dd, J = 18.8, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.62 - 2.54 (m, 1H), 1.53 (s, 9H), 1.20 - 0.96 (m, 21H); {}^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) \delta 163.3, 152.3, 140.9, 126.0, 83.1, 77.2, 61.8, 54.6, 28.2, 24.8, 18.1, 12.0; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2944, 2867, 1717, 1368, 1297, 1239, 1160, 1114, 810 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+)$ *m/z*calc'd for C₁₅H₃₀NO₂Si [M+H–Boc]⁺: 284.2040; found: 284.2046.



To a solution of acetaldehyde (1.27 mL, 22.7 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in dioxane/water (1.10 mL/1.10 mL) was added methyl acrylate **210** (6.13 mL, 68.1 mmol, 3.00 equiv) and

DABCO (2.55 g, 22.7 mmol, 1.00 equiv). The reaction was stirred at 23 °C for 48 h. After the reaction was done, water was added. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10.0 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (1:4 EtOAc:hexanes) to afford the ester (2.36 g, 80% yield). The spectroscopic data were identical to those previously reported.²

To a solution of the resultant ester (300 mg, 2.31 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (12.0 mL) and H_2O (5.00 mL) at 23 °C was added LiOH (88.0 mg, 3.69 mmol, 1.60 equiv). The reaction was stirred at 23 °C for 1 h and then water was added. The aqueous phase was separated and acidified until pH = 1 with 1N HCl. Then, the aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10.0 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford acid **211** (236 mg, 88% yield).

 $R_f = 0.15$ (1:1 EtOAc:hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.39 (t, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (t, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (q, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.2, 142.8, 127.0, 67.1, 22.2; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3390, 1694, 1633, 1416, 1277, 1176, 1093, 962, 928 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: FAB+) m/z calc'd for C₅H₉O₃ [M+H]⁺: 117.0552; found: 117.0521.



² Latorre, A.; Sáez, J. A.; Rodríguez, S.; González, F. V. *Tetrahedron* **2014**, *70*, 97–102.
To a solution of amine **212** (50.0 mg, 0.194 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (1.00 mL) were added acid **211** (24.0 mg, 0.204 mmol, 1.05 equiv), HOBt (39.3 mg, 0.291 mmol, 1.50 equiv), EDCI (45.2 mg, 0.291 mmol, 1.50 equiv), and DIPEA (41.0 μ L. 0.233 mmol, 1.2 equiv). The reaction was stirred for 12 h at 23 °C and then quenched with sat. aq NH₄Cl. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 1.50 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (1:4 \rightarrow 1:2 EtOAc:hexanes) to afford amide **213** (49.7 mg, 72% yield).

[a]_D²⁵ –29.5 (*c* 0.07, CHCl₃); R_{*f*} = 0.35 (1:2 EtOAc:hexanes); (due to the distinct presence of rotameric isomers, the ¹³C NMR contained extra peaks. See the attached spectrum), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.65 (dd, J = 18.7, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 5.81 (ddtd, J = 17.2, 10.2, 7.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (s, br, 1H), 5.19 – 5.00 (m, 2H), 4.57 (qt, J = 6.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (dddddd, J = 8.2, 6.9, 5.1, 3.9, 2.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.85 – 3.68 (m, 2H), 2.48 – 2.29 (m, 2H), 1.38 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 1.16 – 1.02 (m, 21H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.7, 167.6, 147.24, 147.17, 134.80, 134.77, 118.0, 117.9, 117.9, 117.7, 69.2, 69.1, 64.12, 64.11, 50.13, 50.12, 36.09, 36.07, 21.94, 21.86, 18.1, 12.0; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3305, 2943, 2866, 1655, 1618, 1542, 1534, 1460, 1118, 882, 788, 682 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₉H₃₈NO₃Si [M+H]⁺: 356.2615; found: 356.2624.



To a solution of amide **213** (740 mg, 2.08 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in benzene (104 mL) was added Ru catalyst **214** (95.0 mg, 0.17 mmol, 0.08 equiv). The solution was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. The solvent was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (1:2 EtOAc:hexanes) to furnish two diastereomers of lactam **215** (499 mg, 73% yield; 2:3 **215a**:**215b**; 78% yield based on recovered starting material).

Diastereomer **215a**: $[a]_{D}^{25} -1.54$ (*c* 0.78, CHCl₃); $R_f = 0.35$ (1:1 EtOAc:hexanes); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.44 (ddd, J = 5.7, 3.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (s, br, 1H), 4.62 – 4.55 (m, 1H), 3.75 (dd, J = 9.2, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (dd, J = 9.2, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.38 – 2.31 (m, 1H), 2.22 – 2.15 (m, 1H), 1.38 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 1.13 – 1.03 (m, 21H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.1, 137.0, 132.9, 66.7, 66.0, 52.3, 25.8, 21.1, 18.1, 12.0; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3408, 2943, 2866, 1678, 1627, 1461, 1117, 1070, 882, 789, 683 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₇H₃₄NO₃Si [M+H]⁺: 328.2302; found: 328.2306.

Diastereomer **215b**: $[a]_D^{25} -1.77$ (*c* 0.43, CHCl₃); $R_f = 0.30$ (1:1 EtOAc:hexanes); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.40 (dd, J = 5.8, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 5.92 (s, br, 1H), 4.54 (q, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.78 - 3.74 (m, 1H), 3.74 - 3.69 (m, 1H), 3.60 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (dt, J = 17.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.22 - 2.15 (m, 1H), 1.40 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 1.13 - 1.04 (m, 21H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 137.1, 133.2, 67.7, 66.0, 52.2, 25.8, 21.7, 18.1, 12.0; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3294, 2943, 2866, 1678, 1627, 1463, 1115, 882 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₇H₃₄NO₃Si [M+H]⁺: 328.2302; found: 328.2303.



To a solution of EDCI (960 mg, 6.18 mmol, 10.0 equiv) and DMAP (38.0 mg, 0.309 mmol, 0.50 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 (6.18 mL) was added acetic acid (0.354 mL, 6.18 mmol, 10.0 equiv). The solution was stirred for 5 min at 0 °C and then lactam **215a** (202 mg, 0.618 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 (0.5 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred 12 h at 23 °C and then quenched with water. The aqueous phase was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 4.50 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography with mixtures of EtOAc and hexanes to afford acetate **199a** (187 mg, 82% yield).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.48 (ddd, *J* = 5.4, 3.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (s, br, 1H), 5.78 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.76 – 3.68 (m, 2H), 3.65 – 3.58 (m, 1H), 2.34 (dt, *J* = 17.5, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.26 – 2.15 (m, 1H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.40 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 1.15 – 0.99 (m, 21H).



To a solution of EDCI (1.41 g, 9.07 mmol, 10.0 equiv) and DMAP (55.4 mg, 0.454 mmol, 0.50 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 (9.07 mL) was added acetic acid (0.520 mL, 9.07 mmol, 10.0 equiv). The solution was stirred for 5 min at 0 °C and then lactam **215b** (297 mg, 0.907 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 (1.0 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred 12 h at 23 °C and then quenched with water. The aqueous phase was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 6.00 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography with mixtures of EtOAc and hexanes to afford acetate **199b** (328 mg, 98% yield).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.52 (ddd, *J* = 5.6, 3.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.07 (s, br, 1H), 5.77 - 5.69 (m, 1H), 3.72 (qd, *J* = 4.5, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 3.65 - 3.56 (m, 1H), 2.41 - 2.27 (m, 1H), 2.25 - 2.17 (m, 1H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 1.41 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 1.14 - 1.00 (m, 21H).



To a solution of bromooxindole **216** (3.60 g, 9.34 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and dimethyl malonate (2.62 mL, 28.0 mmol, 3.00 equiv) in THF (47.0 mL) was added Cs_2CO_3 (9.13 g, 28.0 mmol, 3.00 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at 23 °C. After the reaction was done, water was added. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 15.0 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography with

mixtures of EtOAc and hexanes to afford oxindole **198** (3.34 g, 82% yield). Data for the compound matches reported data.³



To a solution of oxindole **198** (4.08 g, 9.34 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 (47.0 mL) were added DMAP (0.114 g, 0.934 mmol, 0.10 equiv) and Boc₂O (3.06 g, 14.0 mmol, 1.50 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at 23 °C. Then, the reaction was quenched with water. The aqueous phase was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 15.0 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography with mixtures of EtOAc and hexanes to afford carbamate **217** (4.61 g, 92% yield).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 – 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.74 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.68 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 7.01 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.53 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 2.51 (dt, *J* = 14.8, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (dt, *J* = 13.8, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (s, 9H).



 β -Alanine (222) (5.00 g, 56.1 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was added to MeOH (94.0 mL) and cooled to 0 °C before dropwise addition of SOCl₂ (8.19 mL, 0.112 mol, 2.00 equiv).

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Then, the reaction was stirred for 2 h at 90 °C. The solution was concentrated under reduced pressure and treated with ether. The resulting crystals were removed by filtration to afford the ester, which was used without further purification.

To a solution of the resultant ester-HCl salt (2.00 g, 14.4 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and Et_3N (4.02 mL, 28.9 mmol, 2.00 equiv) in MeOH (40.0 mL) was added anisaldehyde (1.83 mL, 15.1 mmol, 1.05 equiv) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1.5 h. Then, NaBH₄ (1.09 g, 28.8 mmol, 2.00 equiv) was added in portions in 1 h at 0 °C. The reaction was stirred at 23 °C for 8 h and then quenched with water. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 25.0 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford amine **SI-A11-1**.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 6.89 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.89 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.54 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.87 (s, br, 1H).



To a solution of amine **SI-A11-1** (2.64 g, 11.8 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (4.22 mL, 24.2 mmol, 2.05 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (59.0 mL) was added methyl malonyl chloride (2.02 mL, 18.9 mmol, 1.60 equiv) at °C. The solution was warmed to 23 °C and stirred for 1 h. Then, the reaction was quenched with sat. aq NH₄Cl. The aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 25.0 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel

chromatography with mixtures of EtOAc and hexanes to afford amide **223** (2.82 g, 74% yield, 3 steps).

(Due to the distinct presence of rotameric isomers, the ¹H NMR contained extra peaks.) ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 6.93 – 6.87 (m, 1H), 6.87 – 6.82 (m, 1H), 4.57 (s, 1H), 4.52 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 1H), 3.76 (s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 2H), 3.68 – 3.58 (m, 5H), 3.52 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (s, 1H), 2.63 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H).



To a solution of NaOMe (95%; 0.87 g, 15.2 mmol, 1.10 equiv) in toluene (69.0 mL) and MeOH (11.0 mL) was added amide **223** (2.81 g, 8.69 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in toluene (1.00 mL) dropwise. The solution was stirred at 90 °C for 6 h. The solution was cooled to 23 °C and water was added. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 25.0 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography with mixtures of EtOAc and hexanes to afford lactam **224** (1.78 g, 70% yield).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.91 (s, 1H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 6.87 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.31 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H).



To a stirred solution of lactam **224** (600 mg, 2.06 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in MeOH (1.60 mL) at 23 °C were added 1N KOH solution in MeOH (0.21 mL, 0.206 mmol, 0.10 equiv) and 18-crown-6 (54.0 mg, 0.206 mmol, 0.10 equiv) under N₂. After stirring for 10 min, methyl vinyl ketone (0.55 mL, 6.80 mmol, 3.30 equiv) was added dropwise at 23 °C and stirred for 22 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was treated with sat. aq KCl solution. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 3.00 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the ketone, which was used without further purification.

To a stirred solution of the resultant ketone (2.06 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in benzene (20.6 mL) was added pyrrolidine (0.43 mL, 5.15 mmol, 2.50 equiv) and the mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 6 h using Dean-Stark apparatus. The solution was cooled to 23 °C. The reaction mixture was treated with a mixture of AcOH/H₂O/NaOAc (2/2/1) (7.92 mL) and stirred at 100 °C for 3 h. The solution was cooled to 23 °C and treated with H₂O. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 25.0 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography with mixtures of EtOAc and hexanes to afford bicycle **225** (325 mg, 46% yield).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.23 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.94 – 6.77 (m, 2H), 4.73 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.38 (ddd, *J* = 12.1, 6.3, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (ddd, *J* = 12.2, 9.9, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.04 – 2.96 (m, 1H), 2.90 – 2.77 (m, 1H), 2.59 – 2.43 (m, 2H), 2.18 – 2.10 (m, 1H), 2.08 – 2.04 (m, 1H).



To a solution bicycle **225** (28.0 mg, 0.0815 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in *t*-BuOH (2.04 mL) were added AcOH (0.2 mL) and SeO₂ (18.1 mg, 16.3 mmol, 2.00 equiv). The reaction was stirred for 12 h at 100 °C. Solids were removed via a filtration through a celite plug and the resulting solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography, using mixture of hexanes and ethyl acetate as eluent to furnish dienone **226** (11.1 mg, 40% yield).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (dd, J = 10.1, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.90 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 6.45 (ddd, J = 10.1, 1.7, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (td, J = 1.7, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.42 (ddd, J = 12.1, 7.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (ddd, J = 12.2, 9.5, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (dddd, J = 14.6, 9.3, 7.0, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (ddd, J = 14.5, 5.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H).

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APPENDIX 12

Spectra Relevant to Appendix 11:

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Figure A12.2. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 202.



Figure A12.3. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **202**.







Figure A12.5. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 203.



Figure A12.6. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) of compound **203**.







Figure A12.8. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 204.



Figure A12.9. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **204**.



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Figure A12.11. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 205.



Figure A12.12. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₃OD) of compound **205**.







Figure A12.14. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 207.



Figure A12.15. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **207**.









Figure A12.17. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 208a.



Figure A12.18. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **208a**.





Figure A12.20. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 208b.



Figure A12.21. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **208b**.







Figure A12.23. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 211.



Figure A12.24. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **211**.







Figure A12.26. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 213.



Figure A12.27. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **213**.







Figure A12.30. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **215a**.









Figure A12.32. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 215b.



Figure A12.33. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **215b**.